

ECE News Update – October 2021

Take Advantage of ECE Office Hours

Commission staff are holding bimonthly office hours for the ECE stakeholder community. Office hours provide an opportunity when ECE staff will be available to respond to questions, comments, and other informational needs. ECE office hours will be held from 12-1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Here is the [zoom link](#) for accessing ECE office hours on the first Tuesday and the [zoom link](#) for the third Tuesday.

ECE Webpage

The [ECE Webpage](#) reflects the Commission's current ECE work as well as providing links to prior webinars and other ECE-related events of note. Please take a moment to browse all the work that is ongoing and the updates.

September 2021 Commission Agenda Item Proposed ECE Credentialing

Pathways and Options

An agenda presenting a plan to provide a coherent credentialing system for teaching in early childhood education, including teaching in transitional kindergarten, along with a plan to update the Child Development Permit to refocus on competency-based preparation for teaching in state preschool programs was presented at the September 30, 2021, Commission meeting. The [link](#) includes the presentation of the ECE agenda item 2A.

Update on ECE Design Teams Work Under the PDG-R Grant

The [ECE Teaching Performance Assessment Design Team](#) held its seventh meeting on October 19-20, 2021. During this meeting, the Design Team continued to provide feedback on three draft cycles of potential candidate tasks and Program Guidelines. The development work is on schedule. It is anticipated that programs will initially pilot with candidates during the spring of 2022. This work is a part of a two-year process of designing and piloting a new formative ECE Teaching Performance Assessment for candidates for the Teacher level of the Child Development Permit.

The [ECE Program Quality Peer Review Design Team](#) has developed a draft new Peer Review system designed specifically for ECE preparation programs. The system incorporates elements from other existing accreditation systems (e.g., NAEYC, CTC, Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment), and is designed for equitable access and participation regardless of size of program, location, and candidate demographics. The draft system relies on peer support as well as peer judgments within the process resulting in an accreditation recommendation to the CTC's Committee on Accreditation in a seven-year cycle. The Initial small-scale pilot tryout will be fall 2021-winter 2022, followed by an expanded pilot in 2022.

Involvement Opportunities

Please take advantage of collaborative opportunities open to the field for participation offered by the California Community Colleges Teacher Preparation Programs (CCTPP). These opportunities include several communities of practice, as follows:

[ECE CoP Listserv](#)

[EDU CoP Listserv](#)

[NEW Leadership CoP Listserv](#)

[CCCTPP Calendar](#)

CDE Preschool Through Third Grade (P-3) Alignment Webpage

The CDE has developed a new webpage to highlight the cross-sector work of alignment and coherence across grades and systems to improve coordination of policies and practices in preschool, across transitions to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten, and through third grade and beyond. The [link](#) to the webpage is included for reference. To subscribe to the CDE's P-3 listserv, email "subscribe" to subscribe-cdep3updates@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

ECE Pilots Applications Are Still Open!

Interested programs/institutions are encouraged to apply at any time to participate in the ECE Pilots (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ECE-CDP-Pilots>). The four pilots are:

Pilot 1: Implementing TPE-aligned curriculum

Pilot 2: Implementing the ECE Program Guidelines

Pilot 3: Piloting the ECE Teaching performance Assessment once it is developed

Pilot 4: Piloting the Program Quality Peer Review process during winter/spring

2022

To Contact your CTC ECE Team

We are always happy to hear from you whether you have questions, comments, or suggestions. Here is our contact information:

For general ECE questions, comments, suggestions, including for the ECE Pilots:

ECE@ctc.ca.gov.

For ECE TPA-specific questions, comments, suggestions: ececaltpa@ctc.ca.gov.

We hope you are enjoying the fall season!

Your CTC ECE Team: Phyllis, June, Debbi, Cassandra and Terri